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ESTABLISHMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO OF A  
SUB-RESIDENCY FOR THE FIFTH LINE (1944)

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According to a plan approved by Comrade PETROV<sup>[1]</sup> on 26 October 1944, a special sub-residency [PODREZIDENTURA] for the Fifth Line is being established within the framework of your residency. It will not be subject to the authority

[16 groups unrecovered]

right to give independent decisions [1 group unrecovered] questions relating to the operations of the agent network and to have direct communication with the CENTRE. [11] You [6 groups unrecovered] of the sub-residency in accordance with instructions of the TU [11], directing the work of the sub-resident and taking the necessary steps for the successful

[63 groups unrecoverable]

, LOS ANGELES. The following changes among the permanent staff workers [KADROVIK] of the sub-residency have been approved:

1. "SMALL [MALEJ]"<sup>[iv]</sup>, whom we are transferring from VANCOUVER, is appointed [to] help your deputy with the work in the part of SAN FRANCISCO.
2. "VITALIJ"<sup>[v]</sup> is being recalled home and "VOVCHER"<sup>[vi]</sup> is appointed senior man [STARSHIJ] in PORTLAND. "YAROV"<sup>[vii]</sup>, whom we are transferring from OTTAWA, is appointed second worker in PORTLAND.

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3. "VOLKOV" [viii], who especially at the beginning will need a lot of help, remains in SEATTLE.
4. "PETR" [iii] remains in LOS ANGELES.

The permanent staff workers listed above, will for the time being work under cover of Inspectors of the Purchasing Commission. After the Merchant Fleet [MORFLOT] has succeeded in setting up in the U.S.A. a special department for vessels sailing to foreign ports [SUDA ZAGRANICHNOGO FLAVANIYA], the permanent staff workers will be transferred to the strength of that department as Personnel Inspectors. In the meantime it is essential to ensure, through the management [RUKOVODSTVO] of the Purchasing Commission, that the permanent staff workers are in a position which will give them just the right kind of influence to establish conditions favourable to [G] their work in our line.

According to the plan approved by Comrade PETROV the sub-residency is charged with:

1. Development of counter-intelligence work among sailors of Soviet vessels to detect and suppress recruiting and anti-Soviet work by foreign intelligence services.
2. Detection of anti-Soviet and traitorous elements among the crews of vessels sailing to foreign ports.
3. Prevention of sabotage in Soviet vessels sailing to foreign ports and safeguarding cargoes and vessels from sabotage.

Inform each permanent staff worker of these tasks, explaining them in detail and outlining practical measures. This activity will depend on the skilful co-ordination of the work of the ship and shore probationers [STAZHERY]. The work of the VLADIVOSTOK office is being reorganized to fit in with the tasks indicated, and for this purpose special instructions are also being issued by Comrade PETROV. Start carrying out the present instructions without waiting for "SERGEY" [ii] arrival. See the permanent staff workers personally and give each one a specific briefing. Proceed with the preliminary selection [2 groups unrecovered] candidates from amongst Soviet workers who have been vetted and who are connected with our vessels and port operations, with a view to employing them as contact men [SVYAZNIK] between the permanent staff workers and the ships' probationer network. The object, once the appointment of these candidates has been confirmed, is to make greater use of ships' probationers and to succeed in meeting every single one of the ships' residents.

We require:

1. that each permanent staff worker should present to you a [B] monthly report concerning the work.
2. that a report should be sent each month, addressed to SERGEY [ii], concerning the work of the sub-residency and enclosing the reports of the permanent staff workers.
3. that the cover-names used should be reported immediately - explain  
[70 groups unrecovered and unrecoverable]

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Note : [a] See MOSCOW to OTTAWA No. 568 of the same date - 3/NEP/T4275

Comments: [i] PETROV : Unidentified MOSCOW cover-name.

[ii] CENTRE : MGB Headquarters in MOSCOW.

[iii] TU : Presumably this is an abbreviation referring to some directorate [UPRAVLENIE], and T possibly stands for Transport [TRANSPORTNOE], Technical [TEKHNIChESKOE] or Territorial [TERRITORIAL'NOE].

[iv] SMALL : Unidentified cover-name.

[v] VITALIJ : Pavel Kuzmich REVIZOROV of the S.G.P.C.

[vi] VOVCHEK : Probably Aleksandr Pavlovich BOCHUK of the S.G.P.C.

[vii] YAKOV : Unidentified cover-name.

[viii] VOLKOV : Andrej Romanovich ORLOV of the S.G.P.C.

[ix] PETR : Aleksandr Petrovich GRACHEV of the S.G.P.C.

[x] SERGEY : Viktor Vasil'evich AMINAS'EV, described as Director of the Fifth Line in MOSCOW-NEW YORK No. 303 of 1st April 1945 (3/NEP/T4097).

[xi] SEVEN : Unidentified MOSCOW cover-name.

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